

vendors to ensure that all available commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) products that provide capabilities applicable to the NCS have been identified. All manufacturers and suppliers of appropriate technology that could be applied to support the NCS are offered this opportunity to describe how the government can best employ their products to meet the NCS mission needs.

In addition to currently available products, the government wants to understand the capabilities of leading-edge products currently under development that will be available by mid Fiscal Year 2004. The information submitted will be used to assist the government in the continuing development of its NCS implementation strategy.

This RFI is the first of several steps to solicit input and interest from the vendor community and to promote competition in response to needed technology for the NCS. We expect to issue other RFIs as planning evolves.

**DATES:** Information should be submitted via website not later than January 31, 2003, to <http://www.NationalChildrensStudy.gov>. Responses submitted after this date will not be accepted. The government will not request additional information or discuss submissions received in response to this RFI with individual responders.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit responses to [NCS.Technology@epa.gov](mailto:NCS.Technology@epa.gov) (<http://www.NationalChildrensStudy.gov>). Responses are limited to a total of 20 pages, and in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word. Page size must be 8.5 × 11", font must be 12 point or larger, and margins must be at least 1 inch. Briefly describe your product, the company that produces it, and the company's other products, services, history, ownership, and information you deem relevant. Provide points of contact for the product, including name, address (also include web address, if available), phone/fax number, and email address. Discuss technical feasibility alternatives and provide nonbinding order-of-magnitude cost and estimates of developmental time for the alternatives. Hardware and software vendors should submit a concept paper describing how the product could meet potential NCS needs. Indicate whether your product is commercially available or is on the General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule. Supplemental product brochures or marketing materials outlining specifications and capabilities also may be submitted, and

will not be counted in the overall page count limits.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, please contact Sherry G. Selevan, Ph.D.; mailing address: National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-564-3312; facsimile: 202-565-0078; e-mail: [selevan.sherry@epa.gov](mailto:selevan.sherry@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Disclaimer**

This RFI is issued for information and planning purposes only and does not constitute a solicitation. The government does not intend to award a contract on the basis of this RFI or to otherwise pay for information received in response to this RFI. Responses to the RFI will not be returned, and because they will be available for background material for a workshop, submission will not be treated as proprietary. Information provided in response to this RFI will be used to assess tradeoffs and alternatives available for determining how to proceed in the planning process for the NCS and may lead to the development of a specification for the NCS. In accordance with FAR 15.201(e), responses to this RFI are not offers and cannot be accepted by the government to form a binding contract. Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI.

Dated: January 3, 2003.

**George Alapas,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-7438-4]**

##### **Koppers Charleston Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of modified proposed settlement.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to enter into an Administrative Settlement with Beazer East, Inc. for response costs pursuant to section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 USC 9622(h)(1) concerning the Koppers Charleston

Superfund Site (Site) located in Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina. EPA will consider public comments on the modified proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U. S. EPA, Region 4, (WMD-CPSB), 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within 30 calendar days of the date of this publication.

Dated: December 23, 2002.

**James T. Miller, Acting Chief,**

*CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-7438-6]**

##### **Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Notice Final Agency Action Withdrawing of 1 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal of 1 TMDL.

*Subject:* This notice announces EPA final action withdrawing of the TMDL for atrazine in the water column that EPA established pursuant to the Clean Water Act ("CWA") section 303(d), for Louisiana subsegment 080903, Big Creek from the confluence with the Boeuf River to the headwaters (including Big Colewa Bayou). EPA is withdrawing this TMDL because the draft criteria value for atrazine used in screening the waterbody to determine whether it meets Louisiana water quality standards and for calculation of allowable load allocations was draft only and had not been through the complete public notice process and had not been finalized. In place of the draft atrazine criteria number of 12 µg/l, EPA is establishing a screening value of 36 µg/l as calculated by one possible procedure found in Louisiana water quality standards (LAC 33:IX,1113.C.6). Based on this new screening value of 36 µg/l, Big Creek is not, and was not at the time EPA established this TMDL, impaired by atrazine and should not be listed on Louisiana's current CWA